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PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-SECOND DAY — MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2003

The house met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 30).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Bailey; Baxter; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Burnam; Callegari; Campbell; Canales; Capelo; Casteel; Castro; Chavez; Christian; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Dawson; Delisi; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Eiland; Eissler; Ellis; Farabee; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Gallego; Garza; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Goodman; Goolsby; Griggs; Guillen; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hamric; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Heflin; Hegar; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Howard; Hughes; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jones, D.; Jones, E.; Jones, J.; Keel; Keffer, B.; Keffer, J.; King; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Laney; Laubenberg; Lewis; Luna; Mabry; Madden; Marchant; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Mercer; Merritt; Miller; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Noriega; Oliveira; Olivo; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Rangel; Raymond; Reyna; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Seaman; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solis; Solomons; Stick; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Telford; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Uresti; Van Arsdale; Villarreal; West; Wilson; Wise; Wohlgemuth; Wolens; Wong; Woolley; Zedler.

Absent — Brown, F.; Chisum; Elkins; Grusendorf.

The invocation was offered by Brother David Blagg, pastor, Greens Creek Baptist Church, Dublin, as follows:

Our Father in heaven, I pray that you would grant to this body a sacred moment of quiet repose before you, before they take up the work of this day. May all of our spirits be renewed and refreshed by the presence of your spirit.

Thank you Lord for the willingness of these men and women to serve our state. Surely they must each feel that their responsibilities are not light. So I pray for them that you would fit them for their duties.

Lord, these are indeed challenging days for all of us and especially for these who are gathered today to conduct the business of the state. If there ever was a day when they needed your wisdom and guidance, it is today.

Lord, if we truly know ourselves, we know deep down in our hearts that without your guidance and enabling we cannot do anything significant. So I pray Lord that you would turn the thoughts of these assembled today to you and grant them true understanding and wisdom for the task that lies before them.

Grant that they may each have the good will that is necessary to work together and serve the best interest of this great state. Lord, if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without your notice, how can any of us think that you are indifferent to what we do and say here today? So Lord, I pray for those who are assembled today to conduct the business of our great state, that you would give them the wisdom and courage to see and do what is right and good for all the people of our beloved state. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

(F. Brown and Chisum now present)

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative F. Brown who presented Dr. Nancy Dickey of Bryan as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Dickey and thanked her for her participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative F. Brown who introduced Dr. Roland Prezas and first year medical students Brian Dixon and Steve Ramirez.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

HR 307 - ADOPTED (by Ritter)

Representative Ritter moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 307**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 307, Recognizing February 24, 2003, as Leadership Southeast Texas Day at the State Capitol.

HR 307 was read and was adopted without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Ritter who introduced members of the Leadership Southeast Texas Council.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today to attend a funeral:

Elkins on motion of Merritt.

**HR 288 - ADOPTED
(by Laubenberg)**

Representative Laubenberg moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 288**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 288, Recognizing February 24, 2003, as Rockwall County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 288 was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Harper-Brown, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 288** as signers thereof.

**HR 94 - ADOPTED
(by Truitt)**

Representative Truitt moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 94**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 94, Honoring David E. Visney on his retirement from the Federal Railroad Administration.

HR 94 was adopted without objection.

**HR 236 - ADOPTED
(by Truitt)**

Representative Truitt moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 236**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 236, Honoring Ann Gibson of Keller on her receipt of a Lifetime Achievement Award.

HR 236 was adopted without objection.

**HR 229 - ADOPTED
(by Farabee)**

Representative Farabee moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 229**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 229, Honoring Don Windham on his retirement as superintendent of Electra Independent School District.

HR 229 was adopted without objection.

HR 24 - ADOPTED
(by Goolsby)

Representative Goolsby moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 24**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 24, In memory of Winnie Parker Coffee of Dallas.

(Edwards in the chair)

HR 24 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative Branch, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 24** as signers thereof.

HR 35 - ADOPTED
(by Goolsby)

Representative Goolsby moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 35**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 35, Honoring George Denton Farr, Sr., President and CEO of Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

HR 35 was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Hunter, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 35** as signers thereof.

HR 178 - ADOPTED
(by Goolsby)

Representative Goolsby moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 178**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 178, In memory of Oscar Louis Henry Mehl of Dallas.

HR 178 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative Branch, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 178** as signers thereof.

(Speaker in the chair)

HCR 18 - ADOPTED
(by Ellis)

Representative Ellis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 18**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 18, Recognizing February 24, 2003, as Liberty County Day 2003 at the State Capitol.

HCR 18 was read and was adopted without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Ellis who introduced a delegation from Liberty County.

HR 220 - ADOPTED
(by Ellis)

Representative Ellis moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 220**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 220, Honoring Henry L. Dugat, Sr., for his 50 years of church music ministry.

HR 220 was read and was adopted without objection.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The speaker recognized Representative Ellis who introduced Henry L. Dugat, Sr.

HR 276 - ADOPTED
(by McClendon)

Representative McClendon moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 276**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 276, Congratulating Artie Lee Foxx of San Antonio on being named to the 2003 Counting My Blessings Hall of Fame.

(Edwards in the chair)

HR 276 was adopted without objection.

HR 275 - ADOPTED
(by McClendon)

Representative McClendon moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 275**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 275, Congratulating the Reverend Martin J. Walker upon his induction into the Counting My Blessings Hall of Fame.

HR 275 was adopted without objection.

HR 315 - ADOPTED

(by Villarreal)

Representative Villarreal moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 315**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 315, Recognizing the Pan American Federation of Architect Associations International Conference in San Antonio.

HR 315 was adopted without objection.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, Senate List No. 7).

HR 312 - ADOPTED

(by McReynolds)

Representative McReynolds moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 312**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 312, In memory of Trinity County District Attorney Joe L. Price.

(Speaker in the chair)

HR 312 was read and was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative Ellis, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 312** as signers thereof.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Agriculture and Livestock, 6:30 p.m. today, Austin Land and Cattle, for a work session, to consider agricultural issues.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representative McReynolds moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of Joe L. Price.

The motion prevailed without objection.

(Grusendorf now present)

**BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING
AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES
RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES
CORRECTIONS IN REFERRAL**

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 4, of the House Rules, the chair at this time corrected the referral of measures to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

(Stick in the chair)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 3:05 p.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

List No. 1

HB 1001 (By Elkins, Bonnen, Riddle, et al.), Relating to the penalty for speeding on a highway where the Texas Transportation Commission has established a speed limit for environmental purposes.

To Transportation.

HB 1002 (By Thompson), Relating to the repeal of state and local taxes.

To Ways and Means.

HB 1003 (By Haggerty), Relating to certain property tax consulting services.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1004 (By Haggerty), Relating to recognition of continuing education courses for property tax consultants.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1005 (By Haggerty), Relating to emergency orders and penalties for rock crushers and concrete plants.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 1006 (By Haggerty), Relating to exemptions from registration requirements for certain persons who perform property tax consulting services.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1007 (By Goolsby), Relating to the offense of failing to use safety belts.

To Transportation.

HB 1008 (By Woolley), Relating to notice of certain applications for alcoholic beverage permits and licenses.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1010 (By Denny), Relating to the electronic filing of a personal financial statement with the Texas Ethics Commission.

To Elections.

HB 1011 (By Hochberg), Relating to postconviction DNA testing.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1012 (By Noriega), Relating to a report by the board of trustees of a school district concerning certain transportation projects near schools in the district.

To Public Education.

HB 1013 (By Thompson), Relating to the suspension of sentence and the deferral of adjudication in cases involving certain misdemeanor traffic offenses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1014 (By R. Cook), Relating to the purposes for which a special utility district may be created.

To Natural Resources.

HB 1015 (By Miller), Relating to prohibiting a governmental body from disclosing a person's social security number to a member of the public without the person's written consent.

To State Affairs.

HB 1016 (By Gallego), Relating to health care for certain Texans; providing a penalty.

To Border and International Affairs.

HB 1017 (By Villarreal), Relating to subsidized child-care services.

To Human Services.

HB 1018 (By Villarreal), Relating to a purchasing preference for vendors that provide employee dependent care benefits.

To State Affairs.

HB 1019 (By Villarreal), Relating to a system for providing a single point of access to government-funded child care and education programs.

To Human Services.

HB 1020 (By Villarreal), Relating to the promotion of dependent care benefits for employees.

To Human Services.

HB 1021 (By Villarreal), Relating to illegal dumping on railroad rights-of-way; creating a penalty.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 1022 (By Eissler), Relating to employment status and contract entitlements of public school educators who fail to obtain appropriate certification.

To Public Education.

HB 1023 (By Eissler), Relating to the minimum number of days of service for public school teachers.

To Public Education.

HB 1024 (By Crownover), Relating to staff development requirements in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 1025 (By Hupp), Relating to the authority of certain counties bordering Lake Buchanan to impose a hotel occupancy tax.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 1026 (By Hupp), Relating to regulating the use of social security numbers by institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 1027 (By Hupp), Relating to the confidentiality of crime victim information.

To State Affairs.

HB 1028 (By Coleman), Relating to certain immunization programs.

To Public Health.

HB 1029 (By Hardcastle), Relating to prohibiting a governmental entity from disclosing personal information relating to certain persons who hold a private pesticide applicator license.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 1030 (By Hardcastle), Relating to the powers and duties of the Hardeman County Hospital District.

To County Affairs.

HB 1031 (By Lewis), Relating to the release of a criminal defendant on partial bail and to the procedures governing a cash bond.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1032 (By Driver), Relating to expiration of a driving instruction permit.

To Transportation.

HB 1033 (By Driver), Relating to the penalty group classification of 3,4-methylenedioxy methamphetamine (MDMA, MDM) and related criminal offenses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1034 (By Driver), Relating to the authority of a judge or justice to defer the proceedings in certain criminal cases involving the operation of a motor vehicle by the holder of a commercial driver's license.

To Transportation.

HB 1035 (By Delisi), Relating to immunization of children.

To Public Health.

HB 1036 (By Ritter), Relating to the confidentiality of certain reports of criminal activity and to immunity from civil liability for certain persons making or receiving those reports.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 1037 (By Ritter), Relating to a courthouse security fee collected in civil case filings.

To County Affairs.

HB 1038 (By Grusendorf), Relating to a technology immersion pilot project in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 1039 (By Krusee), Relating to the adoption of a state scenic byways program.

To Transportation.

HB 1040 (By Noriega), Relating to emergency medication kits maintained for a veterans home.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 1041 (By Noriega), Relating to a peace officer employed in the field of private security.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 1042 (By Talton), Relating to the use of excess money in the compensation to victims of crime fund.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1043 (By Dukes), Relating to the punishment for certain defendants convicted of indecency with a child.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1044 (By Riddle), Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property used to provide low-income or moderate-income housing.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 1045 (By Deshotel), Relating to the adoption of an alternative base period for computation of unemployment compensation benefits.

To Economic Development.

HB 1046 (By Swinford), Relating to an application for registration of a commercial fertilizer.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 1047 (By McClendon), Relating to the State Pension Review Board fund.

To Pensions and Investments.

HB 1048 (By McClendon), Relating to the punishment for a capital felony committed by a person who is younger than 18 years of age at the time of committing the felony.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1049 (By J. Davis), Relating to the designation of NASA Road 1 and Farm-to-Market Road 528 as the NASA Parkway.

To Transportation.

HB 1050 (By Olivo), Relating to school attendance of a child placed in substitute care.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 1051 (By Rodriguez), Relating to the compensation provided to a family violence or sexual assault victim for relocation and housing rental expenses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1052 (By Villarreal), Relating to certain assessments on residential development in public school districts.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 1053 (By Rodriguez), Relating to the confidentiality of social security numbers in certain circumstances.

To State Affairs.

HB 1054 (By Haggerty), Relating to requiring a valet parking service to maintain financial responsibility; creating an offense.

To Business and Industry.

HB 1055 (By Luna), Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi.

To Higher Education.

HB 1056 (By Hamilton), Relating to the employment of a minor in certain establishments that serve alcoholic beverages.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1057 (By Alonzo), Relating to providing for a student who qualifies for automatic admission to an institution of higher education to maintain that status for transferring between institutions in certain circumstances.

To Higher Education.

HB 1058 (By Alonzo), Relating to Mexican-American studies programs and course work at certain public junior colleges.

To Higher Education.

HB 1059 (By Thompson), Relating to certified and licensed court interpreters.

To Judicial Affairs.

HB 1060 (By Thompson), Relating to prohibiting the promotion of certain improper photographs or visual recordings; providing a penalty.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1061 (By Griggs), Relating to municipal officer and employee participation in state travel services contracts.

To Government Reform.

HB 1062 (By Bonnen), Relating to public school finance.

To Public Education.

HB 1063 (By W. Smith), Relating to compliance histories for and incentives to reward compliance performance by entities regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 1064 (By Wohlgemuth), Relating to the development regulatory authority of Johnson County; providing a penalty.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 1065 (By R. Cook), Relating to the eligibility requirements to serve as a director of a groundwater conservation district.

To Natural Resources.

HB 1066 (By Goodman), Relating to the continuance of the municipal court technology fund.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 1067 (By Goodman), Relating to the accrual of interest on overdue child support.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 1068 (By Howard), Relating to a challenge of a voter's registration.

To Elections.

HB 1069 (By Howard), Relating to the regulation of fireworks by counties in a residential subdivision; providing a criminal penalty.

To County Affairs.

HB 1070 (By Howard), Relating to a parent's refusal to authorize a school district employee to conduct the psychological or psychiatric testing or treatment of a child; providing penalties.

To Public Education.

HB 1071 (By Howard), Relating to protection of private family information of children attending public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 1072 (By Howard), Relating to exclusion of land from certain water districts for failure to provide facilities and services.

To Natural Resources.

HB 1073 (By Howard), Relating to parental notice of supplemental presentations at public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 1074 (By Rodriguez), Relating to disease control programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable diseases.

To Public Health.

HB 1075 (By McCall), Relating to criminal history record information for state agency information technology personnel.

To State Affairs.

HB 1076 (By McCall), Relating to the ownership of a motor vehicle dealership.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1077 (By J. Jones), Relating to removal of remains interred in a cemetery.

To Public Health.

HB 1078 (By Chisum), Relating to the election of directors of a soil and water conservation district.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 1079 (By Wise), Relating to certain exemptions from the regulation of mortgage brokers.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 1080 (By Allen), Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to obtain certain criminal history record information.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1081 (By Allen), Relating to the regulation of air conditioning and refrigeration contractors and technicians.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 1082 (By Talton), Relating to remedies for the unequal appraisal of property by an appraisal district.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 1083 (By Baxter), Relating to the prompt production of public information under the public information law.

To State Affairs.

HB 1084 (By Rose and Eiland), Relating to the availability of a legislative continuance in a judicial matter.

To Judicial Affairs.

HB 1085 (By Smithee), Relating to the authority of the commissioner of insurance to adopt claim requirements and issue emergency orders to address an insurer's unreasonable delays in claims handling.

To Insurance.

HB 1086 (By Smithee), Relating to the creation of employer health benefit plan groups.

To Insurance.

HB 1087 (By Olivo), Relating to longevity pay for county jailers employed by certain sheriff's departments.

To County Affairs.

HB 1088 (By Hill), Relating to sales tax information provided by the comptroller to certain municipalities.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 1089 (By Luna), Relating to the authority of a municipality to impose and use utility fees for certain disabled access improvements.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 1090 (By Miller), Relating to prices of certain prescription drugs.

To State Health Care Expenditures, Select.

HB 1091 (By Swinford), Relating to the adoption of a financial management services cooperatives pilot program for school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and regional education service centers.

To Government Reform.

HB 1092 (By Harper-Brown), Relating to the operation of a jail commissary by a sheriff in certain counties.

To County Affairs.

HB 1093 (By Capelo), Relating to nutrition and health programs for public school children.

To Public Health.

HB 1094 (By Capelo), Relating to grants for federally qualified health centers.

To Public Health.

HB 1095 (By Capelo), Relating to the authority of advanced practice nurses and physician assistants to administer, provide, and carry out or sign a prescription drug order.

To Public Health.

HB 1096 (By Capelo), Relating to access to certain private medical information.

To Public Health.

HB 1097 (By Capelo), Relating to the birth defects monitoring program.

To Public Health.

HB 1098 (By Capelo), Relating to the authority of a municipality to impose and use utility fees for certain disabled access improvements.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 1099 (By Capelo), Relating to coverage provided to certain children under the state child health plan.

To Public Health.

HB 1100 (By Capelo), Relating to judge-imposed conditions of community supervision for certain defendants.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HCR 37 (By Pitts), Welcoming the members of Leadership Waxahachie to the State Capitol.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HCR 40 (By Talton), In memory of Deotis Gay, Sr., of La Porte.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HCR 52 (By Farabee), In memory of Minnie Rhea Wood of Wichita Falls.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HCR 53 (By Gallego), In memory of James H. Copp.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HCR 54 (By J. Jones), Honoring Eli and Earlie Mae Davis of Dallas on their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HCR 55 (By Lewis), Recognizing the National Bar Association's 23rd Annual Mid-Year Conference and the Gertrude E. Rush Award Dinner.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HCR 59 (By Chavez), Requesting that the Federal Bureau of Investigation be directly involved in assisting the Mexican law enforcement authorities in their investigation of the brutal murders of women in Juarez, Mexico.

To Border and International Affairs.

HJR 47 (By Merritt), Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit an inheritance tax unless approved by a majority of registered voters in a statewide referendum.

To Ways and Means.

HJR 48 (By Wilson), Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the removal of justices of the peace by the legislature and specifying when the house and the senate may consider the removal of justices of the peace and other officers.

To State Affairs.

HJR 49 (By Callegari), Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts.

To State Cultural and Recreational Resources.

HJR 50 (By Wohlgemuth), Proposing a constitutional amendment allowing the governor to remove from office officers in the executive branch of state government who were appointed by a governor.

To State Affairs.

HR 138 (By Puente), Honoring Robert Perez Puente of San Antonio on his 83rd birthday.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 143 (By J. Keffer), Congratulating the Cisco Loboes football team on reaching the state finals.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 144 (By J. Keffer), In memory of William "Bill" Wallace Jamar.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 155 (By Martinez Fischer), Congratulating David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs on his upcoming retirement from the National Basketball Association and commending him on his exceptional athletic and civic achievements.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 172 (By Hochberg and Wong), In memory of Josef Minckberg of Houston.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 173 (By Smithee, Swinford, and Chisum), In memory of Stanley Wiley of Amarillo.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 180 (By Dawson), Honoring Thomas Samuel Dawson of Alvin on his 70th birthday.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 185 (By Ritter), Honoring Richard Courville of China, Texas, for receiving the Don Kelly "South East Texan of the Year" award.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 188 (By Hardcastle), Congratulating the Seymour FFA Meat Judging Team on winning first place at the National FFA Meat Judging Contest.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 190 (By Wilson), Honoring former Secretary of the Senate Betty King on her retirement.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 193 (By Gutierrez), Congratulating the city of McAllen for selecting the red-bordered pixie as its official butterfly.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 196 (By Baxter), Recognizing Kathleen Curp of Anderson High School in Austin for her innovative teaching style.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 197 (By Telford), Honoring Scott Ferguson on his retirement as executive director of the Region VIII Education Service Center.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 198 (By Madden, McCall, Laubenberg, and Paxton), Recognizing the Honorable Sam Johnson on the 30th anniversary of his release as a Vietnam prisoner of war.

To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 199 (By McCall, Laubenberg, Paxton, and Madden), Recognizing February 18, 2003, as Collin County Day at the State Capitol.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 201 (By Swinford and Smithee), Congratulating Bob Schneider on his 500th victory as coach of West Texas A&M University's women's basketball team.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 204 (By J. Jones), In memory of Bernice Green Conley.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 205 (By J. Jones), In memory of Charles Edward Lester of Dallas.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 206 (By J. Jones), Commending Judy Richards of Duncanville for her outstanding commitment to her community.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 207 (By J. Jones), Honoring the Reverend C. J. R. Phillips, Jr., and Mrs. Esther Calhoun Phillips on their 25th anniversary with St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 208 (By J. Jones), In memory of Mary Carter of Dallas.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 209 (By J. Jones), Congratulating the Good Street Baptist Church child-care ministry in Dallas on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 213 (By Menendez), Congratulating the boys basketball team of John Jay High School in San Antonio on winning the 2002 UIL Class 5A state championship.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 214 (By Christian), Recognizing February 25, 2003, as Texas Heritage Trails Day at the State Capitol.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 215 (By Hamilton), Honoring Mabel Margaret Wingate Lawrence of Orange on her 80th birthday.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 216 (By Hamilton), Congratulating the parents of River Noel Reinertsen-Forehand on the celebration of her birth.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 221 (By Ellis), Honoring the Corrigan-Camden High School Bulldogs on winning the 2002 State Class 2A Division I football championship.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 222 (By Mabry and Dunnam), Recognizing February 25, 2003, as Waco Day at the State Capitol.
To Rules and Resolutions.

HR 223 (By Farrar), Honoring Frank and Alicia Moreno on their 40th wedding anniversary.

To Rules and Resolutions.

Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 4, of the House Rules, the chair corrects the referral of the following bills and resolutions:

HB 599 (By Chisum), Relating to the continuation and functions of the State Bar of Texas.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 793 (By Branch), Relating to observance of one minute of silence during the school day and to pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags in public schools.

To Public Education.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of the house by the speaker:

Senate List No. 7

SB 310

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following message from the senate was today received by the house:

Message No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Monday, February 24, 2003

The Honorable Speaker of the House

House Chamber

Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HCR 45

Eissler

SPONSOR: Ellis, Rodney

Congratulating Dr. Arthur K. Smith and his wife, June, on the occasion of his retirement as chancellor of the University of Houston System and as president of the University of Houston.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

February 20

Criminal Jurisprudence - **HB 207**

